

REMARKS

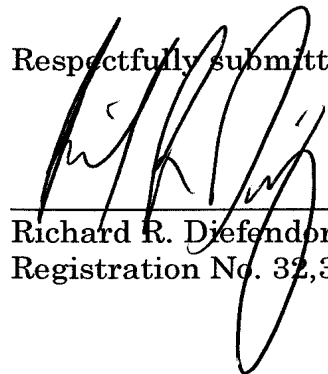
Claims 7-24 remain in this application. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The comments provided by the Examiner in section 11 on page 3 of the Office Action are noted with appreciation. By way of the claim amendments above, an attempt is made to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in sections 1 and 4-10 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, and it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in this application are now allowable.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.57247US).

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